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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Roberto VILLA et al.

Box Non-fee Amendment

Serial No. (unknown)

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MESALAZINE CONTROLLED RELEASE ORAL
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 6 and 8-11 as follows:

a¹ --3. (Amended) Compositions as claimed in claim 1,
wherein 5-aminosalicylic acid is inglobated in the molten
lipophilic matrix by kneading, extrusion and/or granulation.

a² 6. (Amended) Compositions as claimed in claim 1, com-
prising a gastro-resistant outer coating.

a³ 8. (Amended) Compositions as claimed in claim 1, in the
form of tablets, capsules, minitabets, wherein the active
ingredient is completely contained inside the lipophilic
matrix.

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